



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re Application of:</b>	<b>Jason Lenz</b>
<b>Application No.:</b>	<b>10/063042</b>
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<b>For:</b>	<b>Segmented Spine</b>
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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **June 17, 2004**.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows:

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Claims 10 and 21 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 00/30563 (Brown).

Claims 10 and 21, dependent from claim 1, are believed to be patentable over Brown in light of the amendment to claim 1.

Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

**Conclusion**

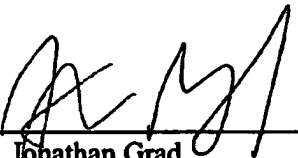
In light of the amendments to the claims, the instant claims are believed to be patentable. Applicant requests the withdrawal of the objections/rejections. Applicant also respectfully requests notification of the allowability of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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